

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 12 with the following amended paragraph

This application is a continuation-in-part application of ~~Attorney's docket number 3518.1012-004-U.S. Application 10/714,559~~, filed November 13, 2003, titled "~~Autologous Treatment of Degenerated Disc with Cells~~", by ~~Mohamed Attawia, Hassan Serhan, Thomas M. DiMauro, Melissa Grace and David Urbahns~~, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/631,487, filed July 31, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 10/610,355, filed June 30, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 10/456,948, filed June 6, 2003, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/470,098, filed May 13, 2003. The entire teachings of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.